ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A resist is stacked on a substrate with a lower layer film in between. The lower layer film is composed in such a way that the element absorbing the largest amount of x-rays of all the elements contained here is the element C. The film thickness of the lower layer film is determined by considering the influence of secondary electrons from the substrate and that of the element C of the lower layer film. The resist has added thereto an element Cl or a similar element having a specific absorption edge. Under such conditions, x-rays are irradiated such that the average wavelength absorbed in the resist is in a prescribed range. In this way, x-ray exposure can be performed while blur caused by secondary electrons is suppressed using a wavelength region of relatively shorter wavelengths.